

## **Quotes from Charles Spurgeon, Joey Hancock of the American Tract Society, J.C. Ryle, and Mark Cahill**

The saving of souls, if a man has once gained love to perishing sinners and his blessed master, will be an all-absorbing passion to him. It will so carry him away, that he will almost forget himself in the saving of others. He will be like the brave fireman, who cares not for the scorch or the heat, so that he may rescue the poor creature on whom true humanity has set its heart. If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.

—*Charles Spurgeon*

Charles Spurgeon warned, “I do not believe that any man can preach the gospel who does not preach the Law. The Law is the needle, and you cannot draw the silken thread of the gospel through a man’s heart unless you first send the needle of the Law to make way for it.” Explain what a needle does for thread, and then what the Law does for the gospel (see Romans 5:20; 7:13)

In his book *Holiness*, J. C. Ryle wrote, “Let us expound and beat out the Ten Commandments, and show the length, and breadth, and depth, and height of their requirements. This is the way of our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. We cannot do better than follow His plan.” In Matthew 5:21–37, note where Jesus “beat out the Ten Commandments.”

I find it hard to understand why *every* Christian doesn’t carry gospel tracts. Joey Hancock of the American Tract Society said, “Fifty-three percent of all who come to Christ worldwide come through the use of printed gospel literature.” If we really care about the eternal salvation of those around us, how could we not carry tracts everywhere we go?

Even if I were utterly selfish and had no care for anything but my own happiness, I would choose, if God allowed, to be a soul winner, for never did I know perfect, overflowing, unutterable happiness of the purest and most ennobling order till I first heard of one who had sought and found a Savior through my means.

Charles Spurgeon

*"When we share our faith, it is a win/win situation. If people accept what we say, we win. If we plant the seed of God's Word, we win; and even if we are rejected, we win. The Bible says that when that happens, the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon us (see [1 Peter 4:14](#)). When we contend for the faith and are rejected, we are to rejoice and leap for joy, for great is our reward in heaven (see [Luke 6:22,23](#)). It is a winning situation every single time that we share our faith!"*

**MARK CAHILL**